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SUBJ: PROSPECTIVE NATO SUMMIT: PERMREPS' LUNCH DISCUSSION

APRIL 15

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT LUNCH ON APRIL 15, PERMREPS HAD INFORMAL BUT THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTIVE NATO SUMMIT AND QUESTION OF WHETHER A COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A MEETING. BROAD CONSENSUS IS EMERGING AMONG ALLIES IN FAVOR OF RAISING MAY 29-30 NAC MINISTERIAL TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL, AS MOST PERMREPS INDICATED THEIR AUTHORITIES EITHER SPECIFICALLY FOAVORED OR AT A MINIMUM RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO SUCH A SUMMIT. A WIDE VARIETY OF OPINION WAS EXPRESSED ON THE QUESTION OF A COMMUNIQUE. SYG LUNS PLANS A MORE FORMAL DISCUSSION OF THESE QUESTIONS DURING THE NAC ON APRIL 16. END SUMMARY.

1. ON WHETHER TO HOLD A SUMMIT:

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--SYG LUNS SPOKE AS THOUGH IT WAS FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT SUMMIT WOULD TAKE PLACE ON MAY 29-30.

--DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID THE KING AND THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

ARE READY TO BE HOSTS IF THERE IS A SUMMIT.

--MENZIES (CANADA) FELT THAT HIS AUTHORITIES "WOULD FALL IN LINE", BUT WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO CSCE AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO OTTAWA. AS A RESULT OF SCHEDULING SUCH A MEETING. MENZIES THOUGHT THAT IF OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT APPEAR, MR. TRUDEAU WILL ATTEND.

--SVART (DENMARK) REPORTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS.

--DE ROSE (FRANCE) WONDERED WHETHER MAJORITY OF ALLIES WERE SIMPLY GOING ALONG WITH THOSE WHO FAVORED SUMMIT, AND PERHAPS THERE REALLY WAS A MAJORITY OPPOSED OR INDIFFERENT TO ONE. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FINDS MORE OF AN INCONVENIENCE THAN A BENEFIT IN A SUMMIT. HE WAS CAREFUL NOT TO COMMIT HIMSELF FURTHER.

--KRAPF (FRG) EXPRESSED HIMSELF SUCCINCTLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED SUMMIT.

--THEODOROPOULOS (GREECE) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT OBJECT BUT ASKS THE ALLIES TO REFLECT CAREFULLY ON THE PROPOSED DATES. THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER HAS ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT AT THAT TIME. PERSONALLY, THEODOROPOULOS SAW ADVANTAGES IN HAVING PRESIDENT FORD COME TO BRUSSELS. DISADVANTAGES, IN HIS MIND, WERE WHETHER THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS AND FAVORABLE RESULTS.

--TOMASSON (IRELAND) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT USUALLY FOLLOWS A CONSENSUS, AND WOULD FAVOR A SUMMIT, IF ONLY TO HEAR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STATE HIS VIEWS.

--CATALANO (ITALY) CONTENTED HIMSELF WITH STATING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT OPPOSES A MEETING LINKED WITH CSCE, THOUGH IT COULD BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION.

--FISCHBACH (LUXEMBOURG) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FAVORS A SUMMIT ON CONDITION IT IS NOT CONCENTRATED ON CSCE ALMOST TO THE EXCL-  
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USION OF OTHER TOPICS. RATHER, HIS PEOPLE THINK IN TERMS OF A TOUR D'HORIZON INVOLVING CONSIDERATION OF MANY SERIOUS QUESTIONS.

--HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) STATED HIS COUNTRY'S CONCERN WHETHER THE END OF MAY IS THE BEST TIME FOR A SUMMIT. THE HAGUE IS WORRIED LEST A MEETING ON MAY 29-30 MIGHT STOP PROGRESS ON CSCE. THE DUTCH, HOWEVER, WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING REGARDLESS OF SUCH APPREHENSIONS, REASONING THAT THEY SHOULD INCLINE THEMSELVES TO THEIR PARTNERS' VIEWS.

--BUSCH (NORWAY) REPORTED HIS GOVERNMENT WAS OFFICIALLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED SUMMIT.

--DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION THAT HIS COUNTRY WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUMMIT.

--ERALP (TURKEY) FELT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS THAT WOULD PROBABLY EMERGE CONCERNING A SUMMIT.

--PECK (UK) ADMITTED THAT THE IDEA HAD ORIGINALTED WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WITH THE CSCE IN MIND, BUT HE INFERRED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT OPPOSE A BROAD AGENDA.

--DRAWING ON WASHINGTON GUIDANCE--

--AMBASSADOR BRUCE/EXPLAINED AT SOME LENGTH WHY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FAVORED A SUMMIT.

## 2. ON THE COMMUNIQUE:

--LUNS SAID THAT IN HIS MIND THERE ARE FOUR CHOICES: A) A WARMED-UP OTTAWA DECLARATION; B) A NORMAL STYLE COMMUNIQUE; C) NO COMMUNIQUE AT ALL; OR D) WHAT HE CALLED "GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESS" WHICH MIGHT BE ISSUED BEGINNING IN EARLY MAY TO INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT THE MEETING WILL NOT DEAL WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. IN SUPPORT OF THIS LAST ALTERNATIVE, LUNS SUGGESTED THE PRECEDENT OF A SUMMIT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 1969 WHEN SYG BROSIO EMPLOYED THIS "GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESS" TECHNIQUE. LUNS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE EC NINE NO LONGER ISSUE COMMUNIQUE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR CONCLAVES.

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--DE STAERCKE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE A SHORT COMMUNIQUE-- PERHAPS EVEN A FEW PARAGRAPHS -- REAFFIRMING ALLIED SOLIDARITY.

--DE ROSE WONDERED WHAT A COMMUNIQUE MIGHT SAY THAT WOULD BE REALLY INFLUENTIAL AND IMPORTANT.

--SVART SAID THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A COMMUNIQUE GIVE AN IMPRESSION OF A DESIRE FOR CONFRONTATION WITH THE EAST.

--BUSCH FAVORED A SHORT COMMUNIQUE.

--PECK ALSO FAVORED A SHORT COMMUNIQUE.

3. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR BRUCE BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT THE SUMMIT MEETING ON MAY 29 AND 30 WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE NAC IN THE COURSE OF ITS APRIL 16 DISCUSSION OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. BRUCE

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